

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION(RCE)TRANSMITTAL**  
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Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

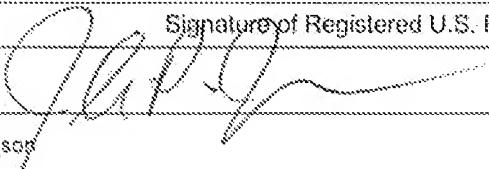
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